कदम उठाए हैं और इस नीति के अंतर्गत किन-किन होटलों को निजी क्षेत्र को सौंपा जाना है; और

(घ) इस प्रयोजनार्थ सरकार ने क्या प्रक्रिया निर्धारित की है?

संसदीय कार्य एवं पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जैना): (क) और (ख) भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम ने, 207 कमरों वाले वर्तमान 3 सितारा होटल का 310 कमरों वाले 5 सितारा स्तर के होटल में, 98.11 करोड़ रु. की अनुमानित लागत से, व्यापारिक क्षमता का पूरा-पूरा लाभ उठाने, आधुनिक एवं प्रतिस्पर्धा सेवाएं उपलब्ध करवाने तथा वर्तमान लोधी होटल की प्रमुख/सामरिक महत्व की अवस्थिति का पूरा लाभ उठाने की दृष्टि से पुनर्निमाण करने व रूपान्तर करने का प्रस्ताव किया है।

(ग) और (घ) फिलहाल भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम का अपने होटलों में से किसी को भी निजी क्षेत्र को सौंपने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Investment by Central Government in Bihar

*148. SHRI NAGMANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of annual investment made in Bihar by Central Government and public financial institutions during the last three years for the development of the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that this investment has been declining; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Central Government to increase the investment?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Central assistance to the States is given as assistance for the State Plans. The net Central Plan assistance to Bihar and the assistance disbursed by All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) in Bihar have been increasing, as indicated below:

(i) Net Central Plan Assistance to Bihar

Year	Amount (Rs. crores)
1994-95 (Actuals)	904.15
1995-96 (Pre-actuals)	1031.03
1996-97 (Latest Estimate)	1276.98

(ii) Assistance Disbursed by All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) in Bihar

Year	Amount (Rs. crores)
1993-94	213.9
1994-95	247.7
1995-96	249.2

Procuring Key flight Heathrow slots for Air India

*149. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether negotiations were held in London in December, 1996 for procuring Key flight Heathrow slots for Air India for the summer of 1997 with British Civil Aviation Authorities;

(b) if so, with what results; and

(c) whether Heathrow slots are pivot for Air India's worldwide flight operations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No agreement could be reached on this issue during the negotiation.

(c) Slots at Heathrow Airport are vital for Air India's operations to London and North America.

Ten most Dreaded Diseases in the Country

*150. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the ten most dreaded diseases in our country;

(b) the incidence and prevalence of these diseases in the country;

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent these diseases; and

(d) the Government's strategy in controlling these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Among the most dreaded diseases in the country are : TB; Malaria; Cancer; AIDS; Leprosy; Acute Respiratory Illnesses (ARI); Heart Attacks; Strokes; and diarhoeal diseases.

The prevalance of Malaria in India during 1995 has been reported as 2.96 million cases mainly covering 100 high risk and endemic districts besides a large part of the North Eastern region. In respect of Tuberculosis around 1.4 million new TB cases are detected each year and 0.5 million persons die each year. The disease is uniformally prevalent all over the country. In respect of Leprosy about 1.6 million patients are estimated to be present in India mainly in the endemic areas of the States of Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Cancer cases in the country are estimated at 2 million & Cardio-vascular diseases are also widely prevalant. There is, however, no specific area of incidence for thses diseases. Acute respiratory illnesses account for the highest rates of mortality in India.

(c) and (d) Several important National Programmes are under implementation which include those for the prevention and control of AIDS, Leprosy, TB, Malaria, Cancer and Iodine deficiency disorders. The Government have also launched several pilot projects including those on control of Cardio-vascular diseases, control, of Micro-nutrient deficiencies, diabetes control medical rehabilitation etc. The Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme has inter alia covered diarrhoeal diseases and acute respiratory infections among children.

Health being a State subject, the implementation of these programmes is the primary responsibility of the State Govts. The Central Govt. provides the technical guidance, material support, IEC materials etc. and also carries out monitoring and coordination of these programmes. The implementation is through a large network of sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres. Secondary and tertiary level care is provided through hospital. External aid has been availed of through the World Bank to augment resources for the infrastructure and improve the outreach of the Programme.

Supply of clean drinking water and sanitation including personal hygiene are also given emphasis by the Government for controlling seasonal diseases such as gastroenteritis.

Disease surveillance is also high on the agenda of the Government. A National Apical Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health) has also been set up to formulate a Nation-wide disease surveillance network.

Aircrafts taken on wet lease by Air India

*151. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) The total number of aircrafts category-wise with Air India;

(b) the number of aircrafts that have been taken on wet lease by Air India and from whom they are taken;

(c) the conditions of the wet lease; and

(d) the programme of Air India to procure more aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) The details of aircraft in the fleet of Air India are as under:-

Boeing B747-200	-	9
Boeing B747-300	-	2
Boeing B747-400	-	6
Airbus A310-300	-	8
Airbus A300-B4	-	3
TOTAL:		28

(b) At present two A310-300 aircraft wet-leased from M/s. Airclub International of Canada and one IL-62M aircraft wetleased from M/s. Aeroflot of Russia are being operated by Air India for passenger services.